



About Grand Fire Protection District No.1

Mission

To Protect Life, Property, and our Environment through prevention, preparedness, collaboration, and response.

Vision

Be a department that demonstrates excellence in service delivery to our community while proactively identifying the risks and challenges we face. We will build and maintain strong relationships with our community and regional partners through communications, cooperation, and collaboration as we plan for, train for and respond to all types of incidents that threaten our District.



Community Background

Grand Fire Protection District began as a small Volunteer Fire Department in March of 1939 with 15 members and later became a formal Fire Protection District under Colorado Revised Status Title 32 in April of 1951. Grand Fire serves the greater Granby area in Central Grand County. The area began as largely agricultural but has grown as a retail center as well as a rural resort destination. The area includes thousands of acres of public lands including Bureau of Land Management, National Forest, the Arapahoe National Recreation area. The District also protects many of the areas schools, infrastructure for trans basin water projects, a small airport, several golf courses, guest ranches and a growing ski area. The community continues to grow as destination and a prevalence of second homes is led the way to a booming short term rental home industry. If current predictions hold, housing in the District will double by 2030.



Strategic Vision

Grand Fire completed a second Strategic Plan in 2021, working with community members, partner agencies and fire personnel to plan direction and growth for the next decade. Grand Fire has seen an average 8% annual growth in call volume year over year since 2010, and receives increasing requests for other services each year. The Board and Staff at Grand Fire are committed to being ahead of the communities needs and in 2021 successfully passed a ballot initiative setting the District up to add staffing, apparatus and facilities as needed in the coming years.



Staffing

Career Staff- Grand Fire has committed to nine full time staff and three seasonal wildland firefighters in 2023. While Grand Fire has traditionally hired overhead as our full time staff, this year marks the first year we will be hiring line firefighters. We anticipate hiring additional line firefighters in the coming years to provide for three full shifts by the late 2020s.

Volunteer Firefighters- Firefighters at Grand Fire have a long history of volunteering and answering the communities call. Like most agencies across the country, we find it difficult to attract and retain quality folks while the community is short labor, non the less, we've been able to maintain a dedicated group and currently staff seventeen volunteers that continue to earn and maintain state certification and NWCG qualifications.

Resident Firefighters- The District currently has capacity for eleven live in resident volunteer firefighters, with capacity for an additional six in the works. Residents live on site and staff the station two days each to earn their housing and



Call Volume-

Grand Fire has seen an average 8% increase in call volume year over year since 2010 and runs about 300 calls a year. Currently Grand County EMS provides EMS services for the county averaging another 1100 calls in our district. As we bring on additional staff, GCEMS and GFPD have agreed to support each other on critical calls. We currently average about fifty motor vehicle accidents, two dozen wildland starts, and a dozen structure and vehicle fires each year. Grand Fire is centrally located in the county and works with neighboring agencies to provide mutual and auto aid through out the year.



Assets-

Apparatus- The District currently houses six structure engines, two tenders, and three wildland engines as well as several utility and command rigs. We currently have two additional Wildland engines and a Rescue unit on order.

Facilities- Our Headquarters is located in the town of Granby and features 9 bays, offices, training/ meeting facilities, and a burn tower. Our "Red Dirt" station is co-owned with East Grand Fire Protection and is operated under a joint operating agreement, houses engines from both districts, as well as some of our resident firefighters. It serves the south end of our District.



Grand Fire is in the process of completing our third station near Lake Granby. This station will be solely owned by Grand Fire but will also house

Grand County Search and Rescue and a Wildland Module from Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Grand Fire will add a structure engine, wildland engine and tender over the next few years, as well as specialized equipment for our water rescue program. Our Wildland program will also be based out of the facility.

Grand Fire also owns an apartment building located at headquarters with eight apartments. Seven apartments are dedicated to our Resident program, and one is left available for instructors, family, and guests.



Programs-

Resident Fire Fighter Program- Our Resident Firefighters come to us locally, from across the state, and nationally to train, run calls, and participate in community events as interns learning the trade. Our program has turned out over a hundred quality firefighters that have been picked up across the nation. Many of our alumni are now officers in large metro agencies, or members of Shot Crews across the west, and return often to check in. The program benefits the community by closing the gap between volunteers and staff, allowing us to participate in many community events and lowering our response times, allowing us to offer the services of a career agency. In 2023 we are adding two paid Lead Resident Positions to provide some overhead and will add a third as we add resident firefighters to our new North Station.

Joint Wildland Division- Grand Fire started a wildland program in 2015 to work with property owners and gain wildland and incident management experience for volunteer and resident firefighters. In 2022, Grand Fire and Grand Lake Fire Protection District began operating our programs in coordination in an effort to broaden our opportunities without taking on additional costs and risks.



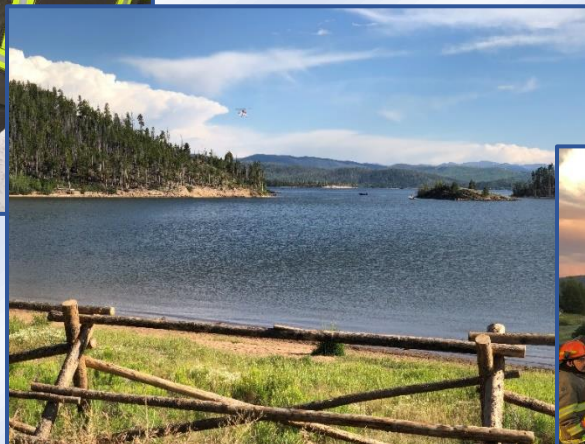


Together we staff three full time employees and six seasonal firefighters. We typically have one engine available for national assignment and one engine committed in county to initial attack any new fires within the two districts, work with property owners on wildland education and mitigation needs. The program is funded through National assignment, local mitigation projects, and grant funding.

Headwaters Rescue Authority- After responding to several tragedies, Grand Fire collaborated with East Grand Fire Protection District, Grand Lake Fire Protection District, Grand County EMS and Grand County Sheriff's Office to create a joint authority to invest in capital equipment and training to provide water rescue services through out Grand County. While the organization is early in it's development, the group has purchased, trained on and deployed an Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to quickly locate and retrieve drowning victims. Additional capital expenditures are planned including a side scan sonar and additional rescue boats. HWRA has partnered with Chris's Water Rescue to provide loaner life jackets and boat ramp education for our visitors. Grand Fire is proud to be part of this collaborative solution to address long term challenges on our waterways.



Grand County Fire Training Officers Association- Grand Fire is an founding member and active participant in GCFTOA through the GC Fire Chief's Association. GCFTOA meets quarterly and plans structure, wildland, and rescue training opportunities for the five fire districts in the county, providing training and exercise opportunities to work with our mutual and auto aid partners.





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